Japan's trade with South Africa

@*489. SHRl M. A. BABY;
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the Govern ment of J ipan's decision to maintain and extend trade ties with South Aferica, the Government of India will review their trade ties with Japan as an anti apartheid measure; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH); (a) and (b) Government have consistently advocated in bilateral contacts and in international fora the need to implement a policy of comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa as the only effective means to secure the dismantlement of the abhorrent system of apartheid in South Africa. Government have conveyed this position to the Government of Japan. It is to be hoped that those Governments which maintain economic relations with South Africa can be persuaded to go in for a policy of sanctions against South Africa. In the meantime Government do not regard it as practicable to restrict bilateral trade relations with Japan.

Proposal to amend out-dated Acts

*490. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KID-WAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to amend some of the Acts which have now become out-dated and out moded; an^

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to undertake in this regard and whether an expert committee will look into the matter and report in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) A systematic study of all existing laws is done by Government continuously and legislation is undertaken periodically by which enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become obsolete or retention whereof as separate Acts i_s unnecessary, are repealed by enacting repealing and amending Acts. So far, six such repealing and amending legislations have been enacted by Parliament in the years 1952, 1957, I960, 1964, 1974 and 1978. The seventh Bill incorporating such legislations upto the year 1984 has already been passed by the Rajya Sabha and is pending before the Lok Sabha.

Restrictions on marrying foreign Nationals by officials of the Externa] Affairs Ministry

*491. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the rationale behind restricting the External Affairs Ministry officials from marrying foreign nationals;

(b) whether there has been relaxation in such restrictions in the past two years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The existing rule on the subject of marriage with foreigners issued on 5-1-87 itself makes it clear why restriction of prior permission has been

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